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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JUDSON F. WILLIAMS CONVENTION CENTER  
1 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2005  
8:00 A.M.

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 8:57 a.m. Mayor John Cook present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Susie Byrd, Eddie Holguin, Jr., Steve Ortega and Beto O'Rourke. Absent: Ann Morgan Lilly, Jose Alexandro Lozano, Melina Castro, and Presi Ortega, Jr.

**REVISED AGENDA FOR THE MEETINGS**

Special Notice: The Agenda for the Meetings will follow the Program Agenda for the 2005 El Paso Regional Economic Summit, which is contained in an attachment posted with this agenda.

1. Presentation of speeches relating to the economic issues, matters, legislation, impact and development relating to and concerning the City of El Paso, the State of Texas and the surrounding region by the program speakers named on the attached Program Agenda.
  2. Discussion relating to the matters posted on the program agenda for the 2005 El Paso Regional Economic Summit to include discussion relating to the economic issues, matters, legislation, impact and development relating to and concerning the City of El Paso, the State of Texas and the surrounding region as it relates to matters listed in the following areas:
    - a. the military and Fort Bliss, their status and growth
    - b. tourism and its impact and growth
    - c. transportation issues and development
    - d. the status of and need for development of manufacturing
    - e. the medical community and medical facility economic development
    - f. the next generation economy
  3. Discussion and possible action focused on the establishment of six cabinets empowered to pursue designated directions of economic development and related initiatives.
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The announcement of the new hospital to be located on the East side of El Paso was made.

Mr. Edd Fifer, Master of Ceremonies, introduced dignitaries in the audience.

A video promoting El Paso and its assets was shown prior to the following guest speakers presentations:

1. Mr. Jeff Moore, Brown & Hofmeister, L.L.P., Richardson, Texas, spoke on "Economic Development Legislation and Incentives".
2. Mr. Mike Gildea, Brain Gain, L.L.C., Erie, Pennsylvania, spoke on "Brain Gain Strategies".
3. County Judge Dolores Briones, El Paso, Texas, made comments and introduced Ms. Barbara Radnofsky, candidate for the Texas Senate. Ms. Radnofsky addressed the audience.

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk